Letter of Support For a 2009 Revenue Increase for the Idaho Department of Fish and Game

With this letter, we support the Idaho Department of Fish and Game's proposal to increase revenue by adjusting license and tag fees during the 2009 Legislative Session.

The Idaho Department of Fish and Game is entrusted with management responsibilities for Idaho's fish and wildlife. Without adequate resources, Fish and Game will not be able to implement its publicly supported strategic plan, The Compass, which defines long-term goals and objectives to preserve, protect, and perpetuate Idaho's fish and wildlife resources. Without an increase in revenue, many of the goals in *The Compass* may not be achieved. Idaho's fish and wildlife will suffer as a result. Idaho's wildlife is enjoyed by nearly all Idahoans, and continued professional management of our valuable resources is vital to our state's heritage.

A well funded and effective Fish and Game department is extremely important to those who support Fish and Game by purchasing licenses and tags and to those who value the work of this agency. We believe Fish and Game's efforts to increase public access and improve habitat is critical to maintaining a strong fishing and hunting tradition in our state. Alternative funding sources other than sportsmen's license revenue are needed for non-traditional programs such as watchable wildlife and species at risk. Adequate funding for Idaho Fish and Game will ensure all Idahoans, be they hunters, anglers or wildlife watchers, will continue to have opportunity to enjoy the state's fish and wildlife.

Therefore, we support a revenue increase for the Idaho Department of Fish and Game to be implemented in 2009 and we advocate that all who benefit from Idaho's fish and wildlife should pay to support it.

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Note: give this signed letter to any Fish and Game employee, or mail or deliver it to your Fish and Game regional office, or to Fish and Game headquarters at the address below.

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